

# Happy Holidays

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**SCHOOL JINGLE BELLE**— Musician 3rd Class Audra Ratliff of Navy Band Northeast, coaxes Katarina Vento to sing along with a Christmas carol at the Guiteras Elementary School in Bristol during a holiday assembly last Tuesday. NBNE's Holiday Brass or the Brass Quintet will visit 20 elementary and middle schools this holiday season. Story, Page 2.



### Family fair draws 400

The Family Fun Fair at Gym 109 draws more than 400 adults and children for an evening of holiday fun.

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### 5,000 wreaths trucked to D.C.

Ceremonies at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery are part of the Wreaths Across America program.

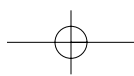
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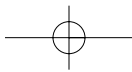


### See you in 2007!

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60) work at the Women's Resource Center in Newport and Lucy's Hearth, painting and trimming hedges, Aug. 22 and 23..

The Fightin' 188, Department head Class students at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, wins the NAVSTA Intramural Softball League championships at Carr Point.

Rear Adm. select John Elnitsky takes command of Naval Undersea Warfare Center in an outdoor ceremony in front of Building 101.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., attend dedication ceremonies for the President John F. Kennedy Child Development Center on Aug. 29. The 24,000 square foot building opened in December 2005.

**September**

Navy Band Northeast supplies the music, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation department arrange the food and entertainment, as Naval Station Newport holds its annual Salute to Summer concert and fireworks on Dewey Field, Sept. 2.

A Civil War Living Weekend returns Sept. 9 and 10 at Fort Adams, with Newport Artillery Company artillerymen and Confederate troops facing off in 1865 reenactments. Very few re-enactors participate.

A team from the Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, enters the Chinese Dragon Races in Pawtucket on Sept. 9. Naval Station Newport's Tribute 5k Race is held Sept. 9 to honor the first responders killed on Sept. 11.

Retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni speaks at the Contemporary Civilian Lecture Series at the Naval War College on Sept. 11.

An Ombudsman Appreciation Day luncheon, sponsored by the Fleet and Family Support Center, is held on Sept. 14 at the Officers' Club.

Several family members return to help the Naval War College mark the fifth anniversary of Sept., 11, recognizing alumni and students who died at the Pentagon. Ceremonies are held outdoors at the Patriots Memorial west of McCarty-Little Hall.



U.S.C.G. cutter Juniper photo

The Newport-homeported Coast Guard cutter Juniper, left, the Canadian Coast Guard cutter Sir William Alexander and the Canadian air force engage in a joint law enforcement exercise in Halifax Harbor, Canada, last September.

Juniper assumes more law enforcement

**ENSIGN ASHLEY CROUCH**  
USCG cutter Juniper (WLB 201)

Though her hull is black and her deck is often busy with buoys and sinkers, the missions of the 225-foot Newport-homeported Coast Guard cutter Juniper (WLB 201) extend far beyond her buoy tending.

While servicing aids to navigation (ATON) used to be the primary mission of Juniper, the ship now has its own boarding team and completed four law enforcement (LE) patrols during 2006. Juniper's law enforcement operations ensure both the safety of the fisherman and the viability of the fisheries industry through safety gear inspections and the enforcement of laws such as net and catch size restrictions. Juniper is also a fully capable platform for search and rescue, homeland security, ice-breaking and marine pollution response through the deployment of her spilled oil recovery system.

Along with the change in mission focus came Juniper's change of command. On June 1, Lt. Cmdr. Rick Wester relieved Cmdr. Michael Dickey as Commanding Officer. Wester reported from Third Fleet where he served as Coast Guard LNO.

Juniper always welcomes new or challenging mission. In September, Juniper sailed to Halifax to participate in a joint law enforcement boarding exercise with the Canadian Coast Guard. Spectators of the exercise included Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant of the Coast Guard, and Commissioner John Adams, commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard.

This trip was Juniper's first deployment outside the continental U.S. in 10 years. Juniper has also hosted tours and cruises for students of the Surface Warfare Officers School, the Naval Justice School, Naval Academy Prep School, the Coast Guard Academy, Officer Training Command-Newport, the Newport Navy League, and Naval Sea Cadets, plus the

NAVSTA Newport commanding officer and the command master chief.

When in port, Juniper is always open for tours and welcomes any NAVSTA members and their families who are interested.

Juniper's ATON trip this month kicked off the installation of LED lights in many of our offshore buoys in the New York and New Jersey area. These new lighting devices will increase maintenance efficiency and provide a more reliable aid for mariners.

In February, Juniper will depart to Little Creek, Va., for Tailored Annual Cutter Training (TACT) in order to further develop our operational readiness.

While enroute, Juniper will assist in the creation of an artificial reef off the coast of New Jersey by deploying many old concrete buoy sinkers from Juniper's buoy depot. The reef will attract and shelter fish populations, helping to further sustain local fisheries.

Retired Capt. John F. Drake, commanding officer in 1972-74 of Naval Station Newport, a component command of the former Newport Naval Base, dies at age 80 on Sept. 13.

Navy Band Northeast finally moves into its new home in Building 347 on Sept. 14. Capt. Lee Rossetti, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Northeast, cuts the ribbon with Lt. Raymond Penland, director, NBNE.

The U.S. Air Force students at the Naval War College mark the service's 59th anniversary with a cake-cutting, speeches, and a flyover at Colbert Plaza on Sept. 18.

Naval Station Newport holds its Health and Wellness Fair at Gym 109 on Sept. 20.

Almost 50 military and area community vendors turn out to displays health products, exercise equipment, wares and services.

Island Moving Company sponsors the third biennial Open for Dancing Festival, with one of the venues overlooking Pier 1, Naval Station Newport, on Sept. 23 and 24.

Capt. John S. Rowden takes command of the Surface Warfare Officers School Command from Rear Adm. select John Christenson on Sept. 29 in change of command ceremonies in Arleigh Burke Hall.

Special Olympics Rhode Island 11th annual Sailing Regatta sets sail from the NAVSTA Marina and Sailing

center on Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. This year, volunteers come from the Marine Corps ranks.

Rear Adm. Roger T. Nolan retires as Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command on Sept. 30 after a 33 year career. He later is named executive director of the Naval War College Foundation after retired Rear Adm. Joseph Strasser steps down.

**October**

Naval Station Newport marks the 231st establishment of the Navy with a Navy Birthday Ball at the Officers' Club on Oct. 6.

Lt. Cmdr. Wendy Walsh, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, speaks at Hispanic Heritage Month obser-

vance in Building 690 in Oct.

Several Navy units are represented in the 12th annual Columbus Day Parade, highlight of the Festa Italiana Committee's celebration, Oct. 9.

The Surface Navy Association holds its 76th running of the 5k By the Bay Run and walk on Oct. 20. Proceeds benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

The 181-foot Canadian patrol vessel HMCS Moncton lays over at Pier 2, Oct. 13-15, and ships out for Halifax on Oct. 16 after a weekend port of call.

Naval Health Care New England, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, celebrates **2006, Page 25**

